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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-06
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Pharmacist Salary Increase SB 719
ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$52.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 719 appropriates \$52 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of increasing pharmacist salaries by 18 percent at the New Mexico Behavioral Health Institute at Las Vegas (NMBHI).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$52 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH indicates the Sate Personnel Office (SPO) did an analysis of pharmacist salaries in FY05. The results of that analysis demonstrate the need to improve pharmacist salaries since DOH pharmacist salaries are not competitive with the private sector.

RLD indicates NMBHI is unable to hire and retain pharmacists due to non-competitive salaries

offered by the state.

DOH further states, while there are 7 pharmacists at NMBHI that would qualify for this proposed salary increase, an additional 7 pharmacists at other DOH locations would not qualify for the salary increase proposed in this bill. These pharmacists are located in the following locations:

- New Mexico Veterans Home in Truth or Consequences: one (1)
- New Mexico Rehabilitation Center in Roswell: one (1)
- Fort Bayard Medical Center in Silver City: three (3)
- Public Health Pharmacy in Santa Fe: two (2)

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